

Republic of Ireland National Seminar – HEPCOM

In order to further disseminate knowledge and perspectives of the cross national HEPCOM study, partners held national seminars in their respective countries. In the Republic of Ireland the HEPCOM national seminar was held in June 2015, in the National University of Ireland, Galway. This national seminar formed one component of the 20th Annual Health Promotion National Conference, hosted by the Health Promotion Research Centre, School of Health Sciences, College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

The World Health Organization has redesignated the Health Promotion Research Centre (HPRC) at NUI Galway as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion Research for a further four year period up to 2021 (original designation received in 2009). Researchers at the HPRC support the work programme of WHO Headquarters in Geneva and the WHO Regional Office for Europe, providing technical support and research to advance health promotion policy and practice at regional and international levels. Included in such research activities is the HEPCOM project; a cross-national European collaborative project that aims to develop a European learning platform which assists local communities in their work for preventing obesity among children and young people.



The annual HPRC conference is the major Health Promotion meeting in Ireland each year, and brings together academics, researchers, practitioners and policy makers from within the Higher Education Institutions, The Health Service Executive, The Department of Health and other national Ministeries, Non-Governmental Organisations and the Voluntary and Community Sector. As such it is the primary venue for dissemination of new ideas and processes among all Health Promotion stakeholders in Ireland.

The HEPCOM team within the Health Promotion Research Centre prepared a suite of relevant materials drawing on HEPCOM research outputs. These were disseminated in a number of ways amongst the 178 delegates in attendance. Some delegates attended specific group discussions and information sessions, others viewed poster or video materials and all were given written materials on the project and it's progress. In addition an information stall was located in the foyer of the building which hosted the conference, for the duration of the meeting. HEPCOM information was included in Conference Packs, and all delegates were encouraged to visit the information stall, view the posters and video presentations and join the information sessions and discussions. The materials were very well received with many interested practitioners looking for further detail and links to materials and evaluation reports.

Attached here are some photographs of the relevant events all of which showcased HEPCOM-related research activities, progress and dissemination.



